

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 7-8, 10-12, and 20-23 as claims 9, 13-19, and 24 have been canceled. Claims 21-22 have been allowed. Claims 1-3, 7, 8, 10-12, 20, 23, and 24 remain rejected. No new matter has been added.

Applicant filed an Amendment and Response under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 on June 17, 2008. Thereafter, the Examiner issued an Advisory Action dated July 15, 2008 stating that the amendments proposed in the June 17, 2008 Amendment and Response would not be entered. However, the Examiner indicated claims 1-3, 7, 8, 10-12, 20, and 23, as set forth in the June 17, 2008 Amendment and Response allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claims. Moreover, during a telephone conversation between the Examiner and Applicant's representative, Mary R. Bram, regarding the Examiner's impending issuance of an Advisory Action, the Examiner indicated Applicant could file another amendment canceling the non-allowable claims as set forth in the Advisory Action so that the case may proceed to issue.

Therefore, in accordance with the Advisory Action, the Examiner's instructions, and in the interest of expediting prosecution of this application, Applicant submits this Supplemental Amendment and Response canceling non-allowable claims 9, 13-19, and 24. Since the amendments in the June 17, 2008 Amendment and Response were not entered, claims 1-3, 7, 8, 10-12, 20, and 23 remain in the same form as set forth in the June 17, 2008 Amendment and Response.

Accordingly, for at least the above reasons, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner withdraw any outstanding rejections and allow claims 1-3, 7, 8, 10-12, 20, and 23.

Conclusion

Without conceding the propriety of the rejections, the claims have been amended, as provided above, to even more clearly recite and distinctly claim Applicant's invention and to pursue an early allowance. For the reasons noted above, the art of record does not disclose or suggest the inventive concept of the present invention as defined by the claims.

In view of the foregoing remarks, reconsideration of the claims and allowance of the subject application is earnestly solicited. In the event that there are any questions relating to this application, it would be appreciated if the Examiner could telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such arguments so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1 323 (Docket #101246.52582US).

Respectfully submitted,

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